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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tomoo KIMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/964,515   Group Art Unit: 2825

Filed: September 28, 2001   Examiner: ANNETTE M. THOMPSON

For: CIRCUIT OPERATION VERIFYING METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
    and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1.   __X__   Transmitted herewith is an amendment for the above-identified application.

STATUS

2.   __X__   Applicant is ____ is small entity - verified statement: ____ attached ____ already filed.
        __X__   other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TIME

3.   The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136 apply.

     (a)   ____   Applicant petitions for an extension of time for the total number of months checked below:

EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
____ one month	$ 55.00	$ 110.00
____ two months	205.00	410.00
____ three months	465.00	930.00
____ four months	725.00	1,450.00

Fee $_____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

____ An extension for ____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of ____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this Request $

     (b)   __X__   Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4.   X   The fee for claims has been calculated shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	10	20	0	x $ 18.00 =	:	0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x $ 84.00 =	:	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (first presentation)				$280.00 =	:	0.00
			Total	=	:	0.00
		Reduction by ½ for small entity			:	− 0
		TOTAL FEE			:	$ 0.00

(a)   X   No additional fee for claims is required.

-OR-

(b)   ___   The total additional fee for claims required $.

FEE PAYMENT

5.   ___   Attached is a check in the amount of $.

___   Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0417 the amount of $ _____ . A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for accounting purposes.

FEE DEFICIENCY

X   If any additional extension and/or fee is required, this is the request therefor and to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0417.

AND/OR

X   If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for accounting purposes.
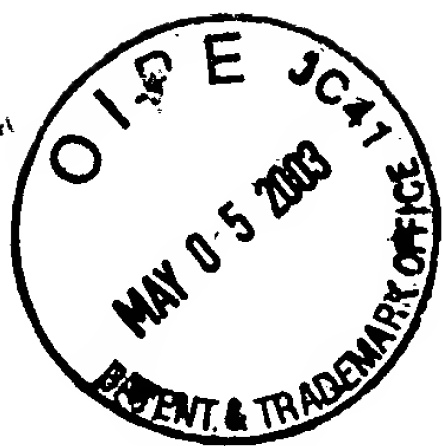
Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003, having a shortened

statutory period for response set to expire May 4, 2003, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

*Please replace the Abstract beginning at page 45, line 2, with the following
rewritten paragraph:*

--In the circuit operation verifying method, initialization includes inputting circuit

diagram data (a net list), specification information on respective circuit elements, and

input data representing waveforms with time of voltages or currents used for operation

simulation, and storing the circuit diagram data to memory.   Operation of a semi-